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Looking Toward Our Bright Future

GLENN MARZANO

As I reflect on the past few months at Mount St. Mary's College, I am reminded of the remarkable achievements of our faculty, staff, students, and alumnae. It is fitting that the theme for this year's Homecoming is "See the Mount in 3-D — **D**iverse, **D**istinct, and **D**ynamic" because our community continues to exhibit these characteristics through service and the pursuit of academic excellence. I am pleased to share with you some of these noteworthy endeavors.

Our *Invest in the Mount* Campaign is steadily progressing, and I am delighted to announce that we are in the design and development phase of our capital projects. I am particularly proud of the renovation plans for Mary Chapel. Liturgical architect and designer Armando Ruiz '96M is personally overseeing the project. While the physical structure of the chapel will remain intact, the renovation will include a new sound system, new lighting and furnishings, and a new seating arrangement to accommodate large and small groups (see page 14).

In May, 510 outstanding graduates celebrated their accomplishments in a ceremony at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City. Students from our associate, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, and certificate programs were honored together in the single largest ceremony in the College's history. What a joy it was to see family, friends, faculty, staff, regents, and trustees cheering on these new graduates as they prepare to take the Mount's mission of leadership and service with them into the world. This graduating class raises our number of alumnae to nearly 17,000 strong and growing (see page 16).

Three students preparing to be future teachers have been awarded the prestigious Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships for Aspiring Teachers of Color for 2006. This is the fourth time that MSMC has had three students chosen in a single year, the maximum number awarded to any institution in one year. Seniors Jeaneth Iniguez, a history major; Yesenia Hernandez, an English major; and Brooke Hogan, a child development major; are shining examples of the quality of students we are preparing to become educators. Twenty-six Mount students have been awarded Rockefeller Fellowships since its inception in 1992, more than any other college in the nation (see page 12).

The Department of Nursing is continuing to fulfill the College's mission of serving the community by expanding its vibrant programs to include three new master's degree tracks and one certificate program (see page 9). Currently, the College offers one master's program to prepare nurses to become educators. The new areas of professional development are Executive Leadership and Administration, Community Health, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and the post-master's degree Clinical Nurse Specialist certificate. Each program will accept about 25 students starting in 2007.

I hope to see you at our annual Homecoming celebration, which will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2006, on our Chalon Campus (see page 18). Each year this event offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our past and present, as we look forward to our bright future. Thank you for your immeasurable support of the Mount.

With warm regards,

Jacqueline Powers Doud

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A New Life Filled With Hope

By Wai-Soo Wong Koo '69

I was born in Shanghai, China, and came to this country in 1952 when I was 5 years old. My father left Shanghai to study in America three days before I was born. It took five years before my mother and I were able to immigrate here.

When I finally met my father for the first time, I discovered that he considered women second class. In his world, I would have to fight for my rights, fight to be respected, and fight to be heard. In my family, because I was born a girl, I never had the opportunities that were presented to my brother.

My life changed for the better in 1964, when I applied to Mount St. Mary's College. Right away, everyone believed in me. They were willing to give me a chance to succeed. Sister Joseph Adele Edwards, director of admissions at the time, saw my potential and accepted me, an average student in high school. I am forever grateful to Sister Joseph Adele for believing that I was capable. And for the first time, I believed in myself, and I succeeded.

"The person I am today is the result of the guidance, support, and nurturing that I received from the Mount community of caring teachers, staff, and administrators."

Everyone in the Mount community was so kind to me. The Mount was my lifeline; the school became my family. I felt free to be me. I learned that life offers many choices; there are no limits to what we can do. The Mount empowered me and gave me a sense of worth. Most importantly, I found my voice, and I found that I could make my voice heard. For someone like me, this was a revelation. The Mount gave me new meaning and new purpose in life. It gave me hope.

MSMC changed my life. Besides giving me a priceless education, the Mount community witnessed God's love to me and led me to become a Christian.

After graduating from MSMC, I attended Boston University and received a master of science degree in broadcast journalism. I have worked in television news in Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and Hong Kong.

Today I have an 11-year-old daughter, Shing-Wai. Her name in Chinese means "Star of Wisdom." My daughter is an inspiration to me. She has given me a new lease on life. We are growing up together, and I enjoy being a child again. I am finally enjoying the childhood that I never had.

(l to r) Wai-Soo Wong Koo with her mother, Irene Hoh Wong, and daughter, Shing-Wai Koo

I came to this country with nothing, but this country has given me so much in return. I am privileged to live in America, and I am privileged to have received an education from MSMC. My education not only taught me how to think, it also taught me to have compassion and understanding for others. The person I am today is the result of the guidance, support, and nurturing that I received from the Mount community of caring teachers, staff, and administrators. MSMC will always be in my heart, and I will always be grateful to my alma mater.

Wai-Soo received her bachelor of science degree in microbiology and history.

ATHENIAN CLUB

3-to-1 Challenge for Recent Grads!

Recent graduates — you have been challenged to make a difference at the Mount! Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, every dollar donated to the Mount Fund from graduates of the last decade will be matched three to one during the *Invest in the Mount* Campaign. Officially launched in February, the drive will enhance and expand the Mount's distinguished educational program. Furthering this effort, the Annual Fund, which was recently renamed the "Mount Fund," will raise $3.1 of the $45 million campaign goal by 2008.

In the spirit of philanthropy and class competition, the Class of 2006 eagerly kicked off the challenge pledging $3,100. Because of this generous match grant, their $3,100 equates to $9,300 and will support the Mount Fund's highest funding priorities, which include tuition assistance, faculty research dollars, academic resources, and campus improvements.

When asked why she chose to participate, Senior Senator and Athenian Club Campaign Chair Brenda Lopez '06 replied, "I was the first in my family to attend college and owe much of my success to the people I met and to our shared experiences. I want to join the alumnae base that assisted me with scholarship support when I needed it."

> "I give because I love Mount St. Mary's College and a match like this gives me the opportunity to hugely impact future students."
>
> — Brenda Lopez '06

Help boost alumnae giving while tripling your donation. Your gift will enroll you in the Athenian Club, a new program designed to encourage philanthropy from the classes of 1996 through 2006. Accept the challenge and see your gift matched threefold!

For more information, contact Melissa Salazar, director of annual giving, at (213) 477-2537. To learn more about the Athenian Club, visit us online at www.msmcalums.la.edu/athenianclub.

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60	$250	$15,000	**College Operations**: Installs 10 emergency call boxes to keep our parking structures safe.
80	$100	$8,000	**Faculty Research**: Releases five faculty members to pursue cutting-edge research.
100	$50	$5,000	**Academic Resources**: Supplies 100 additional books to our library collections.

New Trustees

James A. Cole

James A. Cole is the managing general partner of Windward Ventures, a venture capital fund devoted to early stage technology investments in Southern California. Prior to Windward, Cole was a general partner of Spectra Enterprise Associates and a partner with New Enterprise Associates.

In 1972 he co-founded Amplica Inc., where he served as executive vice president. Amplica designed and manufactured gallium arsenide microwave integrated circuits for the defense and communications markets. Amplica went public in 1981 and was sold to COMSAT Corp. in 1982.

Cole attended Valley and Pierce Community Colleges and completed the executive program at the UCLA Anderson School of Management in 1981.

Cole and his wife, Sheila, are affiliated with the Leroy Haynes Center for Children and Family Services, which is devoted to helping abused children. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Sister Joan Henehan, CSJ '63

A former Chair of the Religious Studies Department at MSMC, Sister Joan currently serves on the Congregational Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in St. Louis, Mo. She is a liaison from the Congregational Leadership Team to the Albany Province, Development Directors and Center Office Personnel, as well as Secretary of the Generalate Corporation.

Her previous ministries include elementary and secondary teaching, facilitating meetings for religious congregations and parishes, public speaking, directing retreats, and individual spiritual counseling. Administrative positions include serving as vice provincial in Hawaii, provincial councilor in Los Angeles, regional superior in Arizona, and pastoral associate in a parish in Solana Beach, Calif.

Sister Joan received her bachelor's degree in English from Mount St. Mary's College. Her master's degree in theology and master's degree in applied spirituality are both from the University of San Francisco.

Jane Luecke Johnson '64

Returning to the Board this year is the Honorable Jane Luecke Johnson '64, who previously served from 1996 to 2005. The first lay alumna appointed as a trustee, Johnson is currently serving as a superior court judge after having had a career as a teacher, an attorney, and a court commissioner.

A member of the Regents Council since 1985 and a charter member of the Mount Associates, she also served as a member of the College's Advisory Committee for Planned Giving and a member of the Attorneys for Planned Giving Committee, and has conducted seminars on planned giving issues. She received a bachelor's degree from Mount St. Mary's College and a juris doctor from Loyola Law School.

In 1996, Johnson was honored as Outstanding Alumna for Service to the College.

Sister Catherine Marie Kreta, CSJ '61

Sister Catherine Marie Kreta has been an educator all of her adult life. She currently serves as the justice coordinator for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in the Los Angeles Province, a position which includes educating sisters and associates to respond to issues of injustice. She began her ministry as an elementary school teacher at St. Patrick School in Pasco, Wash.

Sister Catherine also previously worked in the Los Angeles area on the Administrative Team at Santa Marta Hospital as the vice president of mission from 1993 to 2001 and as the provincial superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet from 1986 to 1992.

She received her bachelor's degree in English and social science from Mount St. Mary's College, her master's degree in educational administration and supervision from California State University Northridge, and her master's degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University.

Sister Catherine is currently a board member of the Lourdes Health Network in Pasco, Wash.

Mount Student Receives New Opportunity Scholarship

Mount student Monica Arellano '08 has been awarded the First Opportunity Partner Scholarship from the Foundation for Independent Higher Education of Washington, D.C. Monica is one of 19 students from four states to receive a $5,000 scholarship intended for first-generation college students.

The scholarships, issued for the first time during the 2005-06 academic year, are funded by HSBC-North America, a leading financial services company in the United States. The program is administered by the Foundation for Independent Higher Education. To be eligible, students must be sophomores, first-generation college students, members of a minority group or new Americans, and have either high unmet financial need or a high loan/work requirement.

Throughout their time in college, students may receive a maximum of $15,000 in the program.

"We congratulate Monica. We are so proud and happy for her," said MSMC President Jacqueline Powers Doud. "Scholarships like this encourage our students to achieve their academic potential."

Remembering Joan Palevsky

The Mount community was saddened by the death of long-time donor and friend Joan Palevsky, who died early in March, and left MSMC an unexpected gift of $1 million for scholarships and unrestricted purposes. During the last 30 years, she greatly enhanced the College by providing funds for the faculty residence buildings on the Chalon Campus, for scholarships, and for the Da Camera Society.

A *Los Angeles Times* article described her as a "modest multimillionaire" who established herself as a major contributor to organizations that directly influenced the lives of women.

And the Winner Is…

"Robert Gleason, of Redbank, New Jersey, is the lucky winner of 2006 Hawaiian Raffle," announced Stephanie Cubba, vice president for institutional advancement, when she pulled his ticket at the 4th Annual Alumnae Wine Tasting in June.

Thanks to a generous gift from the William H. Hannon Foundation, Gleason will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to the Royal Lahaina Resort on the famed Kaanapali Beach in Maui, Hawaii.

This year, the raffle raised more than $33,000 for student scholarships.

College Thanks CSJs, Fletcher Jones Foundation for Contributions to Student Scholarships

The Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Fletcher Jones Foundation were recognized this past April for their recent contributions toward student scholarships as part of MSMC's $45 million *Invest in the Mount* Campaign.

The Mount honored numerous individuals and foundations during an annual scholarship luncheon for contributing to both endowed and annual scholarships. MSMC counts more than 100 endowed scholarships, which are created with a minimum contribution of $30,000. Scholarship names are permanently displayed on the College's endowed scholarship wall, and scholarships are listed in the annual President's Report.

The Fletcher Jones Foundation
April 7 2006
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$ 500,000.00
Five hundred thousand + 00/100
DOLLARS

Christine Sisley, right, executive director of the Fletcher Jones Foundation, presents a ceremonial check for $500,000 to President Doud.

The CSJ province notified the College of its gift in December when it presented the first installment of $150,000 on a $750,000 pledge for the Mount Campaign. Sister Mary McKay, CSJ '76, provincial superior and College trustee, presented a ceremonial check to MSMC President Jacqueline Powers Doud during the luncheon at the Chalon Campus.

"We thank each sister for this enormous gift," Doud said during the event.

"We are very pleased that we have managed our resources in a way that we can share them with the students," Sister Mary said.

Christine Sisley, executive director of the Fletcher Jones Foundation, presented a ceremonial check representing the $500,000 the organization contributed to augment its endowed scholarship.

"I consider myself a cog in the wheel making good things happen, and I'm honored to represent the Foundation," Sisley said. "We believe that the support of independent colleges is the right thing to do."

The College has designated $19 million of its Campaign goal for student scholarships and program enhancement. More than 90 percent of MSMC students qualify for financial aid. A successful campaign will nearly double the College's scholarship potential, allowing MSMC to increase both the number of scholarships and the amount of assistance offered to students.

For information about creating a scholarship, please contact Stephanie Cubba, vice president of Institutional Advancement, at (213) 477-2766.

Sisters of St. Joseph
Los Angeles Province
April 7 2006
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DOLLARS

Sister Mary McKay, CSJ '67, right, presents a ceremonial check for $750,000 from the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet to President Jackie Doud.

The Mount in the Media

Antiques & Fine Art featured the College's collection of artwork by José Drudis-Biada in a six-page color spread for its elegant national magazine (June).

Los Angeles Business Journal featured President Jackie Doud as a nominee at the Business Journal's 15th annual Women Making a Difference Awards Reception and Luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles (May).

The Wave (West Edition) featured Vivian Burgess '52, who was honored by Pope Benedict XVI for her service to the Catholic Church and to society. Burgess, a retired nurse, made history as the first African American graduate in Southern California's first four-year nursing program at the Mount (April). Burgess was also featured in both **The Tidings** and the **Los Angeles Sentinel** (see page 9).

Torrance Daily Breeze featured Jeaneth Iniguez of Carson, one of three Mount students in 2006 to receive prestigious Rockefeller Brothers Fund fellowships for Aspiring Teachers of Color (April—See page 12).

Los Angeles Times highlighted a photo of musicians in the Doheny Mansion's Pompeian Room on the cover of its Calendar Weekend section for a story about historic sites hosting music events (April).

The Tidings previewed a symposium the Mount hosted in April on how ordinary choices can affect change throughout the world, with the keynote address given by Immaculate Heart Sister Nancy Sylvester of the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue in Detroit (April).

Black Enterprise magazine featured Karen McKnight Compton '88 and her husband, Keith Compton, both MSMC regents, in a cover story for its national publication. Karen Compton, a business owner, is a founding member of the College's African American Alumnae Network, which established an endowed scholarship for African American students (April).

The Tidings previewed "The Eucharist, Contemplative Prayer and Poetry: A Convergence of Grace," presented in April as part of the Program in the Spiritual Life series at the Mount St. Mary's College Doheny Campus. The program was led by Monterey Bishop Sylvester Ryan (March).

The Tidings featured Cambria Smith '00M, who was recently selected by the Board of Directors of Valley Interfaith Council to serve as the organization's president. She earned her master's degree from the College in religious studies (March).

The Chronicle of Higher Education listed Monica Luechtefeld '71 as the speaker at the College's 2006 graduation ceremony (March). A Boca Raton, Florida, resident, Luechtefeld was also featured in the **Boca Raton News** (see page 16).

Los Angeles Daily News featured a math and science conference for girls in Valencia and quoted Jennifer Chotiner, assistant professor of Biological Sciences at the Mount (March).

The Tidings ran a preview story about the Mount continuing its global advocacy for children in crisis with guest speaker Alephonsion Deng, a survivor of the genocide in Sudan, in the José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery on the Chalon Campus (March).

The Tidings previewed the Expanding Your Horizons conference at the Mount for middle school girls interested in math and science (March).

Los Angeles Business Journal featured Mount student Aroya Summers in a story about scholarships offered by Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstrief LLP of Los Angeles. Summers spent most of her childhood in foster care and won a full-ride scholarship from the law firm (March).

Channel 62 (KCRA-TV, Los Angeles) visited the Chalon Campus in March to do a feature segment about the College's Clothesline Project in testimony to violence against women. The station interviewed Karmin Mendoza '04, program assistant, Learning Assistance Programs/ISAE office (March). The Clothesline Project was also featured on the Spanish-language newscast on **Channel 54** and photographed for the **Los Angeles Times** and **La Opinión**.

Students Join in Cal Grant Lobby Day

Florence Flores '06, far left, and Angela Allen '07, right, with State Assemblymember Mark Ridley Thomas in Sacramento.

MSMC students joined with more than 15 independent colleges in a March visit to the State Capitol to support Cal Grant awards.

Florence Flores '06 and Angela Allen '07 met with Assembly-members Mark Ridley Thomas and Paul Koretz, and State Senators Sheila Kuehl and Gil Cedillo to ask for support of the governor's 2006–07 proposal to restore Cal Grant awards for students at independent colleges and universities to $9,708, which students received between 2001 and 2004. Students currently receive $8,322.

The students also urged legislators to support Administrative Bill 358 (Liu), which would reestablish a policy to ensure that students attending an independent college or university receive the same amount of funding that UC and CSU students receive. If the bill passes, the Cal Grant award for students attending an independent institution would increase to approximately $11,011. As of June 2006, the bill passed the Senate Education Committee (7-0) and was referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Congratulations Jubilarians

A ceremony with songs and storytelling honored the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, their achievements, and for some, their jubilee anniversaries at CSJ Appreciation Day on both campuses in the spring.

Sister Constance Fitzgerald received recognition for her 75 years as a CSJ and for her 52-year teaching career at the elementary and high school levels. Sister Constance shared her life experiences and told the students, faculty, and staff that she hailed from a family of seven children, which includes three CSJs, one priest, and three more who attended the seminary and chose marriage instead.

Among her many community projects, she operated a facility for homeless men in Guaymas, Mexico; taught English to farm workers in Fresno, Calif.; and has written countless letters to U.S. representatives as an activist for human rights.

Others who celebrated Jubilee years are Sister Patricia Margaret Barnard (70), Sister Joan Henehan (50), and Sister Marilyn Rudy (50).

In the Classroom

Political Science Students Conduct Mock Hurricane Katrina Hearing

Mount political science students marched into the Chalon Campus Lecture Hall in April dressed in business suits, ready to portray members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The mock hearing was designed to give students real-life experience debating a major issue in American politics. Their class assignment was to conduct a post-Hurricane Katrina hearing. Students studied and researched actual hearings to prepare their own scripts, which they delivered with enthusiasm and emotion. It was organized by Helen Boutrous, assistant professor of political science, and was repeated on the Doheny Campus.

Mount student Heather Lindquist, far right, testifies as Michael Brown, former director of FEMA, before a mock committee of the U.S. Senate.

"Members" of the Senate Committee included Chair Susan Collins (R-ME) (Rinee Alvarez) and Ranking Minority Member Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) (Rochelle Valere). "Witnesses" included Michael Chertoff, secretary of homeland security (Gricelda Ceja); Michael Brown, former director of FEMA (Heather Lindquist); Mayor Ray Nagin of New Orleans (Mia Mitchell); Gov. Kathleen Blanco of Louisiana (Rachel Gutierrez); Col. Richard Wagenaar, Corps of Engineers (Jessica Thiele); and citizen accounts (Sonia Hernandez and Reina Martinez).

As Senator Lieberman, Rochelle Valere told committee members that the "poor preparation was disturbing to all Americans." As Mayor Ray Nagin, Mia Mitchell explained, "FEMA and the federal government had underestimated this hurricane."

To better portray Michael Brown, Heather Lindquist tucked her long blond hair into a short brown wig and wore a man's suit and tie. When criticized by committee members, she responded, "Why must I be the scapegoat for the Bush Administration?"

As citizens, both Sonia Hernandez and Reina Martinez questioned why they were left stranded without food and water for so many days. As Susan Collins, Rinee Alvarez said, "Visions of our citizens stranded will continue to haunt us every day."

After the hearing, Boutrous closed by saying, "We reenacted this today to make sure we don't forget."

The Weekend College Moves to Doheny Campus

Mount St. Mary's recently announced the relocation of the Weekend College (WEC) to the Doheny Campus this Fall 2006. To accommodate this move, the redesign of several buildings is in progress. Already, the WEC programs in education and humanities are at Doheny, and the program has seen the benefits of being close to the heart of the city. Merrill Rodin, dean of the WEC, says he anticipates that adult students, especially those who work close to downtown, will find the Doheny Campus more accessible.

The WEC began at the Chalon Campus in 1992. According to Rodin, his staff set a goal of 50 students for the first semester but came up with an impressive 94 students. The program rapidly grew to about 200 students over the next few years and eventually grew to 335 last spring. Since its inception, the WEC has awarded more than 700 bachelor's degrees.

"In our new location, we plan to offer a greater variety of innovative courses for working adults," said Rodin. "We are looking forward to making a difference in services and user-friendliness for these students."

Legendary Mount Alumna Receives Top Honor From Pope Benedict XVI

Vivian Burgess '52, a retired nurse who made history as the first African American nurse in California, has been honored with a Papal medal for her service to the Church and society.

Pope Benedict XVI conferred the Honor of Dame Commander in the Order of the Knights of St. Gregory upon Burgess — the highest honor a layperson may receive in the Catholic Church. Cardinal Roger Mahony of the Los Angeles Archdiocese presented her with a scroll and medal during a March ceremony at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

The Papal Order of St. Gregory was founded in 1831 as a way to honor those with "unblemished character." The commendation is considered recognition for lifetime achievement.

"I've only done what I know I've needed to do to reach God's kingdom," Burgess said. "To be honored for that here in this life was never my intention; it was just to lead a decent life, to represent what Christ has asked each of us to do."

FRANCINE MARLENÉE

Vivian Burgess '52 displays her medal and congratulatory letter from President Bush.

Sister Mary Jean Meier, a staff member with the Los Angeles Archdiocese, said Cardinal Mahoney asked the Pope to confer the honor on Burgess. The honor is recorded in Rome.

Burgess enrolled at the Mount in the late 1940s and became a member of the Mount's inaugural nursing class when she graduated with her four-year degree in 1952. She rose from bedside nurse to head pediatric nurse coordinator to developer of an independent living retirement home for senior citizens.

She spent her young adult years studying with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, both as a high school student at a Catholic school and then at Mount St. Mary's College. "I've had a long relationship with the Sisters, and they were really mentors for me and reinforced the values I was taught at home," she said.

Burgess has been a member of Transfiguration Catholic Church in the Crenshaw area of Los Angeles since 1963, where she once taught preschool and led a children's club.

She earned the 2002 Cardinal's Award from Cardinal Mahony for her "faith and service to her church and community." The College honored Burgess with its Outstanding Alumna Award in 1987.

Mount St. Mary's College to Offer Four New Tracks in the Master of Science in Nursing Program

The Mount is expanding its already robust nursing programs with three new master's degree tracks and one certificate program.

The new Community Health track will be the only such master's program in Los Angeles. Most graduates will likely find employment in Los Angeles County's public health system, working with social service agencies to promote wellness, prevent illness, and address special health needs of all community members.

Other new specialty areas are the Executive Leadership and Administration track, the Clinical Nurse Specialist track, and the Post-Master's Clinical Nurse Specialist track. Each program will accept about 25 students starting in 2007. Students may choose to begin coursework as early as January, but most are expected to enroll in August 2007. The new tracks will prepare nurses to work in various leadership roles in the health field.

The College's Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program began in 2003 and currently has 40 students pursuing master's degrees in order to teach nurses. An increased pool of nurse educators allows colleges to open programs to more nursing students, who in turn graduate and help the region alleviate its nursing shortage.

Marsha Sato, director of the MSN programs, said even though Los Angeles needs more nursing instructors, it also needs nurses with master's degrees to work directly in patient care and in leadership roles at hospitals and clinics. "We want to expand our programs to continue to serve the community," she said.

In the Clinical Nurse Specialist track, students earn a master's degree in nursing and finish the program with at least 400 hours of clinical experience—enough to be considered for certification by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Nurses who already have a master's degree in nursing or a related field and want to become Clinical Nurse Specialists can earn their hours through the post-master's Clinical Nurse Specialist track.

Graduates of the Executive Leadership and Administration track will provide leadership at various levels of institutions, including managing patient care areas, such as directing perinatal services, or working as the chief nursing officer of a hospital.

For more information about the College's Master of Science in Nursing programs, please visit the Web at www.msmc.la.edu/pages/965.asp. Or contact Marsha Sato, director of MSN programs, at (213) 477-2980 or by email at msato@msmc.la.edu.

Mount Teams With Microsoft Corp. in Teacher Preparation Initiative

The Education Department at the Mount was recently selected to team up with Microsoft Corp. and take on a leadership role in a new project designed to enhance teacher preparation programs nationwide.

The program, Teachers for the 21st Century Initiative, is also in partnership with the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) of Washington, D.C., which graduates 20 percent of the nation's future teachers annually.

Mount St. Mary's faculty will take part in two national meetings, monthly online seminars, and an online community of practice. The College will receive a stipend to cover some costs involved in participation.

Mount St. Mary's is the only California institution selected to participate in the program.

The CIC program is one component of Microsoft's major initiative, Partners in Learning, which is collaborating with governments and educational institutions to improve K–12 education around the globe. Currently, Microsoft has projects in more than 75 countries.

Bridges

Mount Alumna Helping Disabled — One Child at a Time

When Elizabeth Villanueva graduated in 1991, she had no idea that her studies in child education and development would take her on a path to start her own non-profit organization. In 1989, she received her associate's degree in early childhood education. On her birthday, May 11, 1991, she graduated from the Mount with her bachelor's degree in child development.

She began her career in the State of California Early Start Department. This system provides a range of services for families with infants to adults who have developmental disabilities. While with the department, Elizabeth began to see a great need for an infant program (0-3 years) that provides quality, personalized services to the Hispanic community in its native language. With her husband's help and encouragement, she left that position after nine years and founded her own non-profit organization. "With my husband's business expertise and my vision, my dream became a reality," Elizabeth said.

Today, with eight employees, she and her husband operate a service program for disabled infants and toddlers in the South Bay area. Their company, Niños Del Cielo, which translates in English to Children from Heaven, serves a clientele comprised of 90 percent Spanish speakers; 5 percent English speakers; and 5 percent Korean, Japanese and Tagalog speakers. She and her husband wanted a name that would be welcoming to families with disabled young children.

FRANCINE MARLENÉE

Elizabeth Villanueva '91 visits with Jesus Mejia, who was born with cerebral palsy and seizure disorder.

"My husband and I are Christians, and we serve God in all that we do," Elizabeth said. "These are God's children from heaven, therefore the name was perfect."

Niños Del Cielo serves families in their native languages and connects them with other families for emotional support. "This is a world that can be filled with disappointment and frustration," said Elizabeth. "Our mission is to create a better world through information, education, and guidance. All my employees are wonderful women who give their best," Elizabeth added proudly. "Our lives are better enriched and more meaningful because of the children and families we serve."

Elizabeth said the Mount prepared her through courses in early childhood, child development, and psychology. "The Mount also taught me what it means to be ethical and caring, and to give back to the community," she said. "I am thankful to have had Sister Imelda D'Agostino, a former director of the Early Childhood Education Program, as one of my mentors. She taught me how important love and compassion are for young children," she added. "My years at the Mount will always be a cherished memory for me."

Elizabeth, the first in her family to graduate from college, was born the ninth child of parents who emigrated from Juarez, Mexico. She has been married for 15 years and has two children, ages 12 and 13.

In Memory of Sister Agnes Marie O'Loughlin, CSJ

April 29, 1903–May 22, 2006

Adapted in part from a necrology by Sister Constance Fitzgerald, CSJ

Sister Agnes Marie O'Loughlin, who served as the Mount's fourth president from 1949-1955, was born Norine Loretta on April 29, 1903, in Hansford, Texas, the first of five children to Charles Coleman and Susan Agnes O'Loughlin. When she was in her teens, her family moved to Los Angeles where she completed high school at St. Mary's Academy and met the Sisters of St. Joseph.

On March 19, 1922, she entered the convent and received the name Sister Agnes Marie. After her first vows in 1924, she taught elementary school and one class of Latin at St. Joseph's Institute in Oxnard, now called Santa Clara Elementary and Santa Clara High School. She taught Latin and held administrative positions in high schools in southern and northern California until 1949, when she was named president of Mount St. Mary's College.

During her tenure, five new departments were added: education, drama, physical education, cancer research—the only known college program of its kind at the time—and nursing. Under her leadership, a study-abroad program in Mexico, followed by those in Canada and Austria were inaugurated; the College joined with 10 other private colleges to form the Independent Colleges of Southern California; the pool and tennis courts on the Chalon Campus were constructed; and the College's first art building was built.

In 1959, Sister Agnes Marie was named assistant provincial for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in Los Angeles and, several years later, became provincial. After her years of outstanding service to the world of education, she retired at age 86 to Holy Family Community where she lived the rest of her life, celebrating her 103rd birthday on April 29, 2006.

Contributions in Sister Agnes Marie's memory may be sent to Stephanie Cubba, vice president of institutional advancement, Mount St. Mary's College c/o Institutional Advancement, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Applause

Deniz Cizmeciyan, assistant professor of chemistry, presented "Fast Rotations of Methyl Groups in Crystals of Ortho-methyldibenzocycloalkanones" at the Southern California Users of Magnets conference in February at UC Irvine. She also presented "Choosing the Right G.R.A.S.P.S. Performance Task for the Right Class" as well as "The G.R.A.S.P.S. Assessment Task and Rubric for an Introductory Science Class" at the National Science Teacher Association meeting in April in Anaheim, Calif.

Katherine Whitman and **Peter Antoniou** of the Business Administration Department, presented the article "Developing a Reputation for Success in China" at the Allied Academics International Conference in New Orleans in April. The article also will be published in the *Journal of International Business Research*.

Diane C. Rodriguez, assistant professor of sociology, was selected in March by City Councilmember Bernard Parks to represent council District 8 at the Latina History Day Conference sponsored by Hispanas Organized for Political Equality. Rodriguez also is spending five weeks working on a research project in Belize this summer with Aida Martinez, a Mount undergraduate majoring in sociology. The two will collaborate with faculty at the University of Belize on a qualitative project evaluating women's advocacy groups in relation to the educational achievement levels of girls in Belize City.

L.A. CONTROLLER—Los Angeles City Controller Laura N. Chick (pictured speaking at head of table) met with Mount staff and students in the spring to discuss service learning. MSMC is a member of the Los Angeles Higher Education Partnership and works with more than 200 community organizations to offer hands-on learning opportunities for students.

TRIO—This past spring, more than 450 middle school, high school, and college students from throughout Southern California participated in the 16th Annual Student Leadership Conference of the Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) at the Mount's Doheny Campus. About 100 current and former Mount staff and faculty conducted workshops on a variety of topics, including College Prep 101, Y.O.G.A.: Your Own Greatness Affirmed, and College Life.

Teaching's Triple Crown

Three Mount Students Awarded Prestigious National Teaching Fellowships for 2006

By Joanna Banks

Three Mount students were awarded prestigious Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowships for Aspiring Teachers of Color in 2006. The announcement brings the number of MSMC awardees of the highly-competitive scholarships to 26 since the program began in 1992.

Brooke Hogan, Jeaneth Iniguez, and Yesenia Hernandez, all Class of 2007, withstood a rigorous national selection process that required demonstration of a passion for teaching in public schools and included interviews at the Rockefeller Brothers Fund headquarters in New York City. They are among 25 students from 16 institutions nationwide selected for the awards this year.

The students will receive grants from the fund for up to $22,100 to use on a summer teaching-related project this year, a master's program in teacher education, and loan repayments.

Hogan, a child development major with an emphasis in child psychology and a psychology minor, plans to apply to an education master's program at Loyola Marymount University and begin her studies in fall 2007. She wants to teach elementary school, perhaps at the public 54th Street Elementary School in Los Angeles where she worked with children living in the foster care system. "They were coming into the school system not even knowing their ABCs or how to spell their names," Hogan said.

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Brooke Hogan '07

Iniguez, the first in her family to attend college, immigrated to the United States from Mexico with her parents when she was 2. She grew up in Carson, CA, and was inspired by her hard-working parents to pursue an education and contribute to society. Iniguez, who plans to teach U.S. history to high school juniors, said Mount St. Mary's College inspired her to teach in public schools.

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Jeaneth Iniguez '07

"The Mount has allowed me to reach out to different cultures in my everyday life with all the diversity of its students," she said. "This has helped me to more easily adapt and prepare to teach in the classroom in Southern California, where we find students who may not speak English."

Hernandez was born and raised in the area south of downtown Los Angeles. Her parents are both from Zacatecas, Mexico. She will be the second in her family to graduate from college, following her 22-year-old sister, Monica, who graduated from Mount St. Mary's College in May.

Hernandez, who was educated in the Los Angeles public school system, said two excellent teachers at John Adams Middle School near USC and at USC MAST High School inspired her to pursue a

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Students Hogan, Iniguez, and Hernandez all plan to teach in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

career in education. "My wonderful Los Angeles Unified teachers were able to show me the importance of education no matter what subject I learned," she said. "My seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher showed me how to express my emotions through Shakespearean performances and journal writing."

At the Mount, Hernandez said she has gained an excellent education grounded in real-world problem-solving. "The education and training I've received at Mount St. Mary's College has empowered me to give back to my community," she said. After earning her master's degree in education, Hernandez plans to stay in Los Angeles and teach in a public middle or high school. "Some people leave Los Angeles because of the crime, congestion, or just because of the increase in property cost," she said. "I want to stay and make this city a better place for generations to come."

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Ysenia Hernandez '07

In August, the Mount students will join other fellows in Washington, D.C., to present their summer projects and learn more about graduate education programs.

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Architect Armando Ruiz '96M examines the chapel's new floorplan with Maryann Nguyen '07.

The Renovation of Mary Chapel

BY R.W. DELLINGER

The restoration of Mary Chapel is a vital element in Mount St. Mary's *Invest in the Mount* Campaign, the largest campaign in the history of the College.

"It's definitely a big part of our revitalization of the Chalon Campus," said Jacqueline Powers Doud, president of MSMC. "It's a beautiful building to begin with, so we're not tampering with the structure. We're respecting the integrity of the building. I think it's going to be very energizing for the whole campus."

Liturgical architect and designer Armando Ruiz, an alumnus of Mount St. Mary's College, is overseeing the extensive renovation of Mary Chapel. Ruiz earned a graduate certificate in liturgical studies in 1995, followed by a master's degree in religious studies in 1996.

There will be a reorienting of the interior elements of the Mary Chapel in order to emphasize the presence of Christ during the liturgy. To accomplish this, Ruiz said three focal points of Christ in the Assembly will be highlighted: The Word (Ambo), the Bread and the Cup (Altar), and the Presider (Presidential Chair).

The real challenge is the long and narrow traditional shape of Mary Chapel, Ruiz said. He pointed out that the ideal shape of a post-Vatican II church is either a square or circle, with the altar in the center. The next best shape is a horseshoe or oval.

By putting the altar in the center of the chapel and placing seats in an arc on its east and west side, the configuration will change to an elongated oval.

"What we're trying to do is minimize the distance from the altar to the farthest seat," the architect explained. "We're trying to get an ideal distance of 65 feet or less. Bigger churches have to be in the shape of a circle to do that. But the saving grace of the chapel is that it's relatively small, so we can accommodate that."

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The new redesign will emphasize three focal points: the Ambo, the Altar, and the Presider.

Ruiz reports that the original art deco style teardrop-shaped glass lights hanging from the ceiling on brass chains will be kept to provide general illumination. But new halogen lights, which approximate natural daylight, will spotlight the Altar, Ambo and Presiders from different locations.

An acoustical consultant is working to reduce the echo effect in the chapel through the placement of new speakers and absorbing sound panels. The goal is to create a sound environment that enhances both music and the spoken voice.

New flexible seating will be easily changed to accommodate small congregations of up to 50 for intimate liturgies as well as groups of up to 300 for concerts. The chapel's distinctive 27 stained-glass windows will be kept.

Armando Ruiz Associates, Inc., the Diamond Bar-based firm, is designing the furnishings as well. Plans call for a mixture of exotic hardwood in different colors and textures for the top of the Altar, Ambo and Presider's Chair.

"The renovation of any church is a challenge," Ruiz emphasized. "But we're sure that Mary Chapel will be a better worship space, where Our Lord's presence is more meaningful when we're finished."

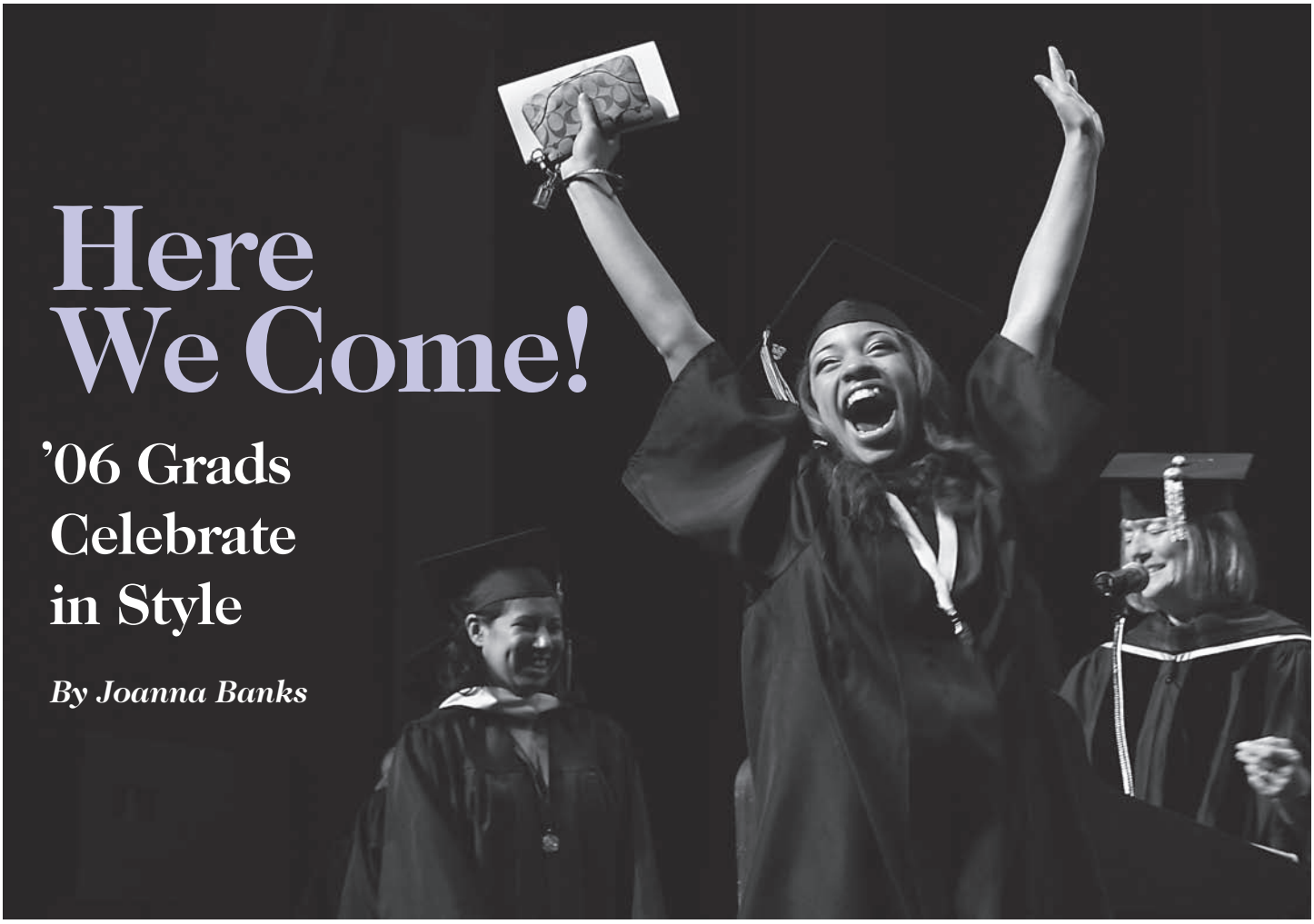
Gail Gresser, director of Campus Ministry, can't wait. "I've been here for 20 years, and for 20 years we've been talking about all this happening," she said. "So I'm thrilled. And I know the priests and bishops who have celebrated Mass here have told us they're beyond thrilled."

Senior Maryann Nguyen works in Campus Ministry coordinating the Mount's liturgies on the Chalon Campus. The daughter of a deacon, she believes the renovation will help bring students, faculty, and alums closer as a Christian community. "By being more welcoming to worship," she said, "I think more people will want to come to Mass on Sunday evenings."

David L. McIntyre, a trustee of Mount St. Mary's College since 1981, and his wife, Norma '57, are funding a significant portion of the Chapel renovation. "It's a beautiful building on the outside, and it should be the focal point of the campus. My wife had wonderful years at the Mount and still remembers going to Mass in the chapel," McIntyre said.

"I know they're going to do a really great job restoring it," he added. "It's going to be a big improvement to Mount St. Mary's — a bright, shining, acoustically-sound place to pray and worship."

Currently, the project is not completely funded. For information on donating to the Mary Chapel renovation, please contact Lois Dunne, director of major gifts, at (213) 477-2534 or by email at ldunne@msmc.la.edu.



Here We Come!

'06 Grads Celebrate in Style

By Joanna Banks

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Graduate Rochelle Valere shows her excitement after crossing the stage at the Gibson Amphitheatre.

More than 500 Mount graduates commemorated their achievements during a May 15 ceremony at the Gibson Amphitheatre in Universal City. Students from the College's associate, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, and certificate programs celebrated together during one ceremony.

Monica Luechtefeld '71, executive vice president of Business Development and Information Technology for the Florida-based Office Depot, delivered the Commencement address, highlighting the importance of values, the necessity of finding great mentors, and the challenge of finding a career to be passionate about.

Luechtefeld, a trustee of the College, received the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa. "When you look for work, choose employers that will respect your ethics. Your integrity will be cherished," she said. "Whether I am in a boardroom in Shanghai, São Paulo, or New York, I always bring to the table my values."

She honored her mentors from the Mount, Sister Miriam Therese Larkin '53, Sister Annette Bower '59, and Sister Cecilia Louise Moore '53, all CSJs. She said the sisters instilled in her a love of critical thinking and helped her become a pioneer in her industry. "They taught me what it meant to be a woman of intellect, of compassion, and of strength," she said.

Luechtefeld encouraged graduates to take control of their futures. "A lot of people are responsible for getting you here today, but you are responsible for what happens after today," she said.

Kathleen McCarthy, daughter of the late Thomas and Dorothy Leavey and chair of The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, received the College's highest honor, the Carondelet Medal, "for her personal and professional achievements, which so eloquently express the Gospel and the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet." The Foundation contributed

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Speakers Monica Luechtefeld '71 (left), Kathleen McCarthy (top right), and Kate Driscoll '06 (bottom right)

"When you look for work, choose employers that will respect your ethics. Your integrity will be cherished."

—COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
MONICA LUECHTEFELD '71

$8 million last year — the largest award in the College's history — to revitalize the Chalon residence houses and to establish a new student center.

The ceremony continued with greetings from the graduating programs: Kayla Armijo, Associate in Arts; Hernani L. Ledesma, Jr., Associate Degree in Nursing; Charles Christian Chuateco, Weekend College; Sarah Bessell, Baccalaureate; and Lawren Miller Askew, Graduate.

Kate Driscoll '06 delivered the Baccalaureate Class Tribute, reflecting on how the Mount provided strong female professors as role models and taught her to be an advocate for community action. "We need to take the philanthropic foundation the Mount has nurtured in each of us and become the social reformers who will be biting at injustice," said Driscoll, who earned a degree in sociology.

The College also honored as Trustees Emeriti Roger K. Hughes and John P. Sullivan. Hughes served as a trustee from 1993 to 2001, as chair of the College's first capital campaign from 1994 to 2000, and as a regent since 1984. Sullivan was a trustee from 1995 to 1999 and has been a regent since 1982.

The College thanks the I.A.T.S.E. Local 33 Stagehands at Gibson Amphitheatre for their assistance with the ceremony.

Celebrate the Mount in 3-D

Alumnae will experience the Mount in "3-D" when they attend Homecoming this year on Saturday, October 14, 2006. Throughout the day, activities will illustrate the ways the College is Diverse, Distinct, and Dynamic.

This theme will resonate as alums participate in:

- Founders Day Mass celebrated by Rev. George O'Brien
- Reunions for the classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1986, 1991, 1995, and 2001, with a special a commemoration for the members of the Silver Anniversary class of 1981 as they celebrate 25 years
- A reception for all Mount Legal Eagles and MUN competitors. If you are a judge, lawyer, legal professional, pre-law minor, or Phi Alpha Delta sister, come celebrate and meet the MSMC Mock Trial team.
- Receptions for Golden Grads, Weekend College, the Latina Alumnae Network, and non-reunion alums
- Live music of the decades in the Circle
- Campus Clubs on display
- A gala dinner followed by the presentation of the 2006 Outstanding Alumnae awards.

For information about Homecoming 2006, please call (213) 477-2767 or go to www.msmc.alums.la.edu.

Homecoming 2006 Creative Workshops

Documentary Film and Social Justice
Presented by Pam Haldeman, Ph.D. '86, professor, Sociology Department, and director of the Documentary Film and Social Justice Program

This workshop will offer an inside look at a new major at the Mount that increases awareness and advocacy of social justice issues and also deals with cultural identity in America and around the world. The goal is to prepare women to creatively address issues of social justice and promote social change through the universal medium of film. Come and see a collage of Mount student films and meet the filmmakers.

Hawaiian Dance
Presented by the members of Mount St. Mary's very own Hawaiian Club, Na Pua O' Ka Aina

Learn the graceful Hawaiian hand movements along with traditional hula and other dances from Tahiti and Polynesia. Sway to gentle rhythms and be transported to the exotic Pacific isles. You will learn basic dance steps and will soon be saying Aloha through dance.

To Build Church—Physical and Spiritual
Presented by Armando Ruiz, '96M, noted liturgical consultant and architect of Armando Ruiz Associates, Inc., who is directing the renovation of Mary Chapel

This workshop will consist of two parts. The first will address the historical evolution of the Liturgy, what occurred at Vatican II, and how it transformed the Church worldwide. The second part will focus on the renovation of Mary Chapel, taking into consideration the liturgical component. It will include sketches or renderings to allow us to "see" the changes being described. Ruiz created the design for the renovation for Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Northridge, Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, and St. Bede the Venerable Church in La Canada, among many others.

More Fun with Florals: The Art of Flower Arranging
Presented by Leah Horrigan, owner of Flowers by Leah

Back by popular demand, this talented florist will teach you creative and easy ways to design arrangements for everyday use or special occasions. In this hands-on workshop, you will learn how floral professionals select flowers, use colors, and create tranquility and beauty in our lives. You will create your own centerpiece to take home with you.

Hidden Treasures in Los Angeles
Presented by Don Sloper, MBA, a member of the Board of Directors of Las Angelitas del Pueblo, a docent for the Los Angeles Conservancy, and trainer of the Doheny Docents who conduct public tours at historic Chester Place on the Doheny Campus

Los Angeles is one of the great cities of the world with attractions and historic locations that brought it an estimated 24.9 million visitors in 2005. But how many of its residents know their own town? This session will introduce attendees to the places, many of them free, that one can see and enjoy in downtown Los Angeles and surrounding areas. Plus, the session will address how to get around town without driving and searching for a parking spot!

The Art of Paper Sculpture: An Interactive Art Experience
Presented by Jody Baral, chair of the Art Department

In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to create free standing paper sculptures using railroad board, scissors, and paint. Within an hour you will learn how to fold, cut, and join shapes to produce a tin-like work of art.

Alumnae News

For full class notes and photos, go to: *www.msmcalums.la.edu*.

Class Notes

'40

Colette Verbeck Regan went on a "50–90" Mexican Cruise to celebrate her 90th birthday and her daughter's 50th. They had a wonderful time.

'48

Geraldine Cassutt Monahan was honored as "Catholic Woman Volunteer of the Year" by the Catholic Charities Auxiliary of the Diocese of Orange. The award was announced and presented at a benefit luncheon attended by more than 800, including all four Bishops of the Diocese.

Patricia Smith Weseloh is enjoying her new little grandson born in March 2005. She now has 18 wonderful grandchildren!

'51

Diane Terpening McGourty and her husband, a retired Army Reserve colonel, traveled on a historical tour of World War I battlefields in Belgium and northwestern France. As an art major, she also appreciated the opportunity to view some original Jan Van Eyck paintings while visiting the medieval cities of Ghent and Brugge.

'56

Johanna Glass Lopez was one of three classmates to participate in the first year-abroad program in Mexico City, at the Universidad Ibero Americana, in 1955-1956. That opportunity changed her life. She and her husband spent Christmas in Mexico last year—nostalgic and fun.

'57

Verna Kiesz remains eternally grateful to Sister Rebecca and her classmates of 1957 for accepting her as a transfer student nurse. Her education has been a great blessing to her, even in her retirement.

Annette Orland Shannon-Batinovich and her husband were made a Knight and Lady of the Holy Sepulchre in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Madeleine Cathedral in 2004. They are now called Dr. Sir Kenneth Batinovich and Lady Annette Shannon-Batinovich. They have five children and eight grandchildren.

'58

Maria Alicia Martinez enjoyed a wonderful trip to Peru and is looking forward to visiting Ireland next.

'69

Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, is the National Coordinator of the Catholic Social Justice Lobby, NETWORK, in Washington, D.C.

Janet Wolff Maulhardt and her husband celebrated their 35th anniversary with a 15-day Panama Canal Cruise.

'71

Ramona Vance Haywood and her husband are enjoying retirement with children and grandchildren living nearby. She teaches English as a second language two nights a week. They traveled to New Zealand in 2004.

'75

Alice Gardello traveled with her church on a mission to Nicaragua in August of 2005. It was a very successful experience.

JOY JACOBS

Dr. Elizabeth Torres (left), daughter of Celia Gonzales Torres '58, founder of the Latina Alumnae Network (LAN), meets Aida Martinez '07, the first recipient of the LAN scholarship, at a welcome brunch sponsored by LAN for new Latina graduates. The event was held in the Pompeian Room of the Doheny Mansion in May.

'77

Theresa Lewis Del Carlo is celebrating the birth of her first grandchild.

'80

Karen Schwarz has a clinical psychology practice in Foster City, Calif., and is on the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Psychological Association. She is also on the Leadership Team of the Women-Church Convergence and enjoys sailing and downhill skiing.

'81

Dr. Dolores Brandt Fusco is a psychologist and psychoanalyst in private practice in New York. She is happily married and lives at the beach with her husband and their puppy. They love physical fitness and traveling to beautiful places, most recently Key West, Paris, and Positano, Italy.

'90

Lilybell Luces Nensey currently lives in Northridge and is a second grade teacher at Emelita Street School in Encino. In January, she and her students were featured on the front page of the *Los Angeles Daily News* in an article commending her school's Martin Luther King celebration. Her students are still talking about the experience. She has received the Who's Who Among America's Teachers award for the second consecutive year and has a received a third nomination. She is grateful for her training and experience at the Mount.

'94

John Thomas retired from the Los Angeles Police Department last December to accept a position as deputy chief of police at the University of the District of Columbia Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management.

'95

Laura Gimenez has a new job as a commercial attache with the U.S. Commercial Service.

'00

Irene Benavidez is working at Hombre Nuevo, a Catholic Multimedia Center (non-profit) based in El Monte, Calif., helping with fund-raising efforts. The center is reaching out to Spanish language Catholics in Southern California. Between May 2004 and May 2005, she lived in Brasillia, Brazil, and worked as a missionary with Regnum Christi.

Erika Gallo was named Woman of the Year for the 45th California State Assembly District.

'02

Dania Sutton is working in mortgage banking at Countrywide Home Loans in Camden, Conn.

'04

Patricia Petrie is the events coordinator at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank and loves the fact that she can incorporate her love for horses into her career.

Gina Zambetti is working at Children's Hospital and is in the second year of the nurse practitioner master's program at UCLA.

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Golden Graduates of 1956 celebrate before attending the Baccalaureate Farewell Mass on the Chalon Campus.

'05

Selma Cuya is working as a research assistant at the John Wayne Cancer Institute.

VITAL STATISTICS

Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alums and their spouses on their recent nuptials:

'94 Elvia Cabral to David Cowan
'98 Alice Patricio to Joseph Moss
'02 Christina Bell to Robert C. Burke

By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to the following alums and their spouses on the birth of their children:

'89 Paige to Alison Akins Franzen, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'89 Jenna Hope to Susan Underwood Russell, 1st child
'94 Katia Anahi to Karen Villanueva Corletto
'94 Diego Cristian to Diana A. Gonzalez Medina, 1st son
'95 Liam Gimenez Marchesi to Laura Gimenez, 2nd son
'95 Andres to Adriana Barragan Viera, 2nd child, 2nd son

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'36 Mary Bunce Schwarz
'41 Helen Coogan
'41 Esther Elder Harrington
'42 Charleene McGhee Hillen
'43 Peggy Kieffer Mathison
'44 Mary Pat Hansen Brush
'48 Willa Dowd Schaniel
'51 husband of Mary Ellen Gray Delagrange
'52 son of Ann Spaulding Donlin
'53 Mary Ann Greer Browning
'54 husband of Celeste Gourdeau French
'60 mother of Dolores Schiffert
'64 mother of Celeste Diebold Von der Ahe
'65 mother of Mary Jo Hegener Bernard
'65 brother of Kathleen Mitchell McGroarty
'65 husband of Colleen Durant O'Shaughnessy
'65 husband of Diane Plau Schautschick
'66 mother of Tina Von der Ahe Brown
'71 father of Suzanne Boyle and Joanne Boyle Walter
'73 father of Julia Milward Kinmartin
'77 Vivienne Anderson Routh
'79 father of Cindy Barnes
'82 aunt of Ann Marie Tancredi Hom
'83 Mildred Kirschbaum Altfeld
'88 father of Karen McKnight Compton
'97 mother of Bertha Rodriguez
'97 father of Connie Carlson
'99 mother of Susan Gionet
'00 father of Lisa Villa
'05 Maria Gomez
Credential Irene Lozano

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers, and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

A Look Back

The Dedication of Mary Chapel

The dedication of Mary Chapel took place on May 2, 1940, Ascension Thursday. Assistant Provincial Mother St. Catherine Beavers, far right, and Provincial Mother Mary Killian Corbett, watched as the Most Reverend John Cantwell blessed the Chapel after the Solemn High Mass of Dedication. Two monsignors on the left (not identified) also participated in the ceremony.

A four- by six-inch block of cream-colored marble, blessed especially for the chapel by Pope Pius XI and brought from Rome by Reverend Martin O'Malley, was sealed in the cornerstone along with a note about the block, several Los Angeles newspapers, church documents, medals, and other articles.

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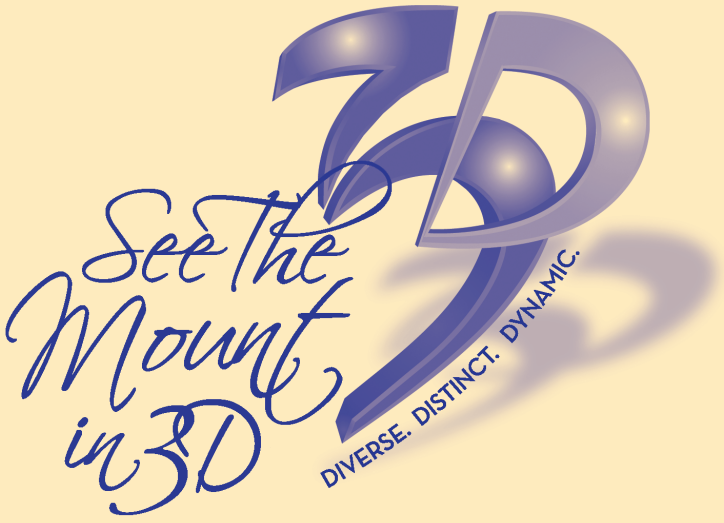
Friday, October 6
8 p.m.

Alumnae Concert

Pompeian Room, Doheny Mansion
Doheny Campus
$10 general admission; $5 for students and seniors
Call (310) 954-4266 for more information

Saturday, October 14
Registration begins at noon

Homecoming



Chalon Campus
For more information, please see page 18
Register online at:
www.msmcalums.la.edu/homecoming2006

Saturday, October 21
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Little Things that Fill the Whole World: Gospel Metaphors of Spiritual Awakening

Lecture Hall, Doheny Campus
James Finley, Ph.D.
Awareness of God as we go through a day or a lifetime is a staple for spiritual growth, a lantern for our journey. This one-day retreat, sponsored by the Spirituality Center, will explore how the "grandeur of God," of which poet Gerard Manly Hopkins speaks, connects with the everyday things that make up our lives.
Admission is $40 for pre-registered participants; $45 at the door.
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December

Friday, December 8
8 p.m.

Christmas Choral Concert

Location TBA
$10 general admission; $5 for students and seniors
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